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Discover Local Contributions of African Americans at Historic Sully

The Fairfax County Park Authority invites you to explore the lives and times of people from Virginia's past. Step into their shoes as you listen to their music, travel their routes, learn some of their survival skills and hear their stories. You can discover the important contributions of African Americans as their history comes to life in the parks.

Join us at Sully Historic Site throughout the month of February as we celebrate African American History Month. Open from 11am-4pm daily, except Tuesday. Tours of the main house highlight the daily lives of the enslaved African Americans who worked and lived at Sully over 200 years ago. In our exhibit room, view a special exhibit featuring archaeological artifacts from the slave quarter excavation. Costs are \$5/adult, \$4/student, \$3/senior and child.

On Saturday, February 18th enjoy Hands-on History: The Work of Their Hands from 1-3pm at Sully Historic Site. Help with activities once done by those enslaved at Sully. The contributions of Madam Juba and Patty, laundresses; Thornton, cook; Jack, plowboy; George, blacksmith; Billy, carpenter and others are highlighted. Discover culinary differences between food at the quarter and food in the Lee manor house. Tours of the main house and outbuildings are included. Prepaid reservations required. Canceled if inclement weather. \$7/adult; \$5/senior and child.

Join in the musical excitement found at Sully on Saturday, February 25 at Banjos, Bones and Tales from noon-3pm. Enjoy a combination of music, storytelling and hands-on activity at this entertaining program on the evolution of the banjo – performed by Virginia historian, interpreter and musician Carson Hudson. Learn about early percussion instruments and try your hand at playing bones. Hear tales of the African American influence on music in early Virginia homes. House tour included. Prepaid reservations required. Canceled if inclement weather. Limited seating. \$10/adult, \$7/child

Sully is located in Chantilly, VA on Route 28, 3/4 mile north of Rte 50 and four miles south of the Dulles Toll Road. Admission to the grounds is free. There is a charge for guided tours of the house and outbuildings. Sully Historic Site can be reached at 703-437-1794.

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